Unemployed educated youth in J & K

2144. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed educated youth particularly graduates and post graduates in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) what steps the Central Government propose to take to provide employment to these unemployed youth within a time frame; and

(c) whether Government are aware that in the face of continued violence and militancy prevailing in the State, the educated youth are soft targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Balika Samridhi Yojana

2145. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the aims and objectives of Balika Samridhi Yojana;

(b) the amount that has been released to the State of Andhra Pradesh under this scheme since 2000-2001; year-wise; and

(c) the allocation made for this programme in 2003-2004?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA): (a) The Balika Samridhi Yojana covers two girl children in families below the poverty line (BPL) in rural and urban areas born on or after 15.8.1997. It seeks to change the negative attitudes of the family and community towards the girl child and to improve enrolment and retention of girl children in schools, to raise the age at marriage of girls.

(b)

Year	Amount released
2000-2001	Rs. 180 lakhs
2001-2002	Rs. 140 lakhs
2002-2003	Nil

(c) Rs. 15 crore.